

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR)
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079898 AND
CONSIDERATION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
FOR
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
NEVADA COUNTY**

The City of Grass Valley (Discharger) owns and operates a municipal tertiary wastewater treatment facility that provides sewage service to its community of approximately 12,100 in population. The treatment system consists of bar screening; primary sedimentation; alkalinity adjustment; biological treatment by activated sludge, including nitrification and denitrification; secondary sedimentation; filtration; disinfection; and dechlorination. The outfall is equipped with a stream-side rock pile diffuser. Sludge is treated by an anaerobic digester and dewatered using a belt filter press. The effluent is discharged to Wolf Creek, a water of the United States, and a tributary to the Bear River within the Bear River watershed.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board), held a hearing regarding the proposed NPDES permit renewal and Cease and Desist Order on 4 December 2008. Information was submitted by the Discharger that has resulted in significant changes to the proposed permit, necessitating another 30-day comment period. The Regional Water Board continued the hearing to allow public review and comment on the specific changes to the proposed permit. The proposed revised tentative permit renewal was modified to include (1) new salinity effluent limitations, (2) additional language in the fact sheet that provides the rationale for removing the effluent limitations for aluminum from the previous permit, and (3) removal of effluent limitations for copper and zinc based on the study results of site-specific water effect ratio and translator studies.

A continuation of the public hearing concerning the tentative NPDES permit renewal will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 5/6 February 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this continued hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff
- City of Grass Valley Representatives
- California Sports Fishing Protection Alliance Representatives

Only designated parties will have the following rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the

evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **14 January 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on


14 January 2009. Written evidence or comments must be limited to the scope of the continued hearing for proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text in the tentative NPDES permit specifically addressing the salinity effluent limitation, the additional language in the fact sheet that provides the rationale for removing the effluent limitations for aluminum from the previous permit, and the removal of copper and zinc effluent limitations. Written evidence of comments outside the scope of the proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text and/or submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **14 January 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative NPDES Permit should contact Mr. Ken Landau (916) 464-4726 or klandau@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed NPDES Permit and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.



KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer